

# Kentucky Medicaid Drug Program

## 3 Brand Name Drug and 3 Month Medicine Supply Information

Medicaid's Drug Program will allow 3 brand name medicines for each Medicaid member every 30 days and 3 months of certain medicines starting on April 19, 2005. You can have as many generic medicines as you need.

### How the 3 Brand Name Medicine Rule Works:

#### What you need to know:

- It does not apply to children.
- It does not apply to medicine for diabetes.
- It does not apply to the following medicines:

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| <i>Zyprexa</i>    | <i>Geodon</i>   |
| <i>Seroquel</i>   | <i>Abilify</i>  |
| <i>Respiridal</i> | <i>Clozaril</i> |
| <i>Fazoclo</i>    | <i>Symbyax</i>  |

The drug store will talk to your doctor about other medicine that can be used. If a different medicine can not be used, the drug store will give you the brand name medicine.

The pharmacist cannot refill a prescription if you have more than 5 days' supply left of the medicine. For some medicines, (e.g., those that treat ADAH) prescriptions cannot be refilled until the day they expire because of Federal law.

The drug store will give you the brand name medicine your doctor asked for when:

- You give your Kentucky Health Card to the drug store, **and**
- You already have 3 brand name medicines, **and**
- Your doctor says your need the medicine **and**
- Your doctor says you are sick with one of these conditions:

High blood pressure & type 2 diabetes at the same time  
Alzheimer's Disease  
Cancer  
End stage lung disease  
End stage renal disease (ESRD)  
Terminal stage of an illness  
Hemophilia  
HIV/AIDS  
Migraine headaches  
Epilepsy  
Thyroid cancer  
Heart disease  
High cholesterol  
Metabolic syndrome  
Organ transplant

### How the 3 Month Medicine Supply Works

After you have been on your medicine for 2 months, you can get a 3 month supply so you do not have to go to the drug store as often.

Ask the drug store for your 3 month supply if you take medicine for your :

- heart
- arthritis
- blood pressure
- thyroid
- birth control
- hormones

For More Information about the 3 Brand Name Medicine Rule or the 3 Month Medicine Supply:

Call the First Health members Services Desk at 1-800-635-2570, Monday - Friday 8:30 to 4:30.

Your doctor or health care provider can call 1-800-477-3071.

Medicaid's Pharmacy Web site is accessible at: <http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/Pharmacy.htm> , if you have internet access.

